

House Resolution No. 62

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, fifty years ago Elbert Heath took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Joyce Smith, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed on September 25, 1954, in Ontario, Canada; and

Whereas, five decades later Elbert and Joyce Heath of Oak Grove observed their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends on September 25, 2004, at Oak Grove Community of Christ Church; and

Whereas, the marital union of Elbert and Joyce Heath has been richly blessed with the love and affection of their children, Michael and Peggy Heath, Douglas and Venita Heath, Mark and Heather Frank, and Jon and Laura Heath, and their nine grandchildren; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Army, Elbert Heath earned a Master of Science in Teaching degree; taught physics, mathematics, and chemistry at Metropolitan Community Colleges; received the Governor of Missouri Outstanding Teacher Award; served as president and member of the Oak Grove School Board; and became an ordained minister of the Community of Christ Church; and

Whereas, Joyce Heath earned a Master of Science degree from Central Missouri State University; taught speech and hearing for the Blue Springs School District and communications at Metropolitan Community Colleges; served with Missouri State Teacher's Association and Association of Speech and Hearing organizations, as an area council representative for PTA, as president of Phi Beta Sigma, as a representative for the Missouri Speleological Society, and as a counselor/liaison/host for AFS; published in Youth Ministry for the Community of Christ Church; and became an ordained minister; and

Whereas, Elbert and Joyce Heath used the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Elbert and Joyce Heath and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Elbert and Joyce Heath of Oak Grove, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Bryan Pratt
District No. 55

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 62, adopted January 11, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker